

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
SOUTHEAST FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – EAST (SLFPA-E) AND
SOUTHEAST FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST BANK (SLFPA-W)**

**Minutes of the Combined (SLFPA-E and SLFPA-W) Nominating Committee Meeting held
on Thursday, December 11, 2025**

Location:

7001 River Road, Marrero, LA 70072

The nominating committee met at approximately 10:00 A.M., on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at the SLFPA-W office located at 7001 River Road, Marrero, LA 70072.

Mr. Curole called the public meeting to order and directed Mr. Barth to call the roll.

Committee members in attendance in room: Bruce Thompson, Gary Huntley, Clare Falcon, Windell Curole, Norma Jean Mattei, Jerry Klier, Lee Alexander, Brad Barth, and Brian Heiden (SLFPA-W only). Committee members in attendance remotely: Mathew Czapiga and Peter Yaukey (SLFPA-W only). A quorum was confirmed by Mr. Barth for both SLFPA-E and SLFPA-W.

Mr. Curole introduced the September 19, 2025 meeting minutes and opened for committee comments. No committee comments were received. Mr. Curole opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments. A motion to approve the minutes was moved by Ms. Mattei, seconded by Mr. Alexander, and approved unanimously by the members in attendance.

Mr. Curole made a motion to change to the December 11, 2025 meeting agenda, allowing Jay Lapeyre, the former long-term nominating committee chairman, be allowed to speak in recognition of the eight members whose terms end on January 1, 2026. Mr. Curole opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments. A motion to accept the agenda change was moved by Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Thompson, and approved unanimously by the members in attendance.

Mr. Lapeyre addressed the committee.

Out-going committee members introduced the new member being appointed by his/her respective organization/institution who will begin their term on January 2, 2026.

Mr. Curole requested that the committee secretary, Mr. Barth, delineate the instructions for public comments. Mr. Barth reiterated the instructions as stated on the meeting agenda.

Mr. Curole led a discussion regarding the meeting purpose to nominate for open seats on the Board of Commissioners of SLFPA-E and SLFPA-W due to expected vacancies. Matrixes for SLFPA-E and SLFPA-W were reviewed.

David Peterson from the Louisiana Attorney General's office reminded the committee members to remain cognizant of the statutory requirements for SLFPA East and West Board members when choosing candidates for appointment by the governor.

Mr. Klier made a motion that the individuals who hold the Civil Engineer position on the SLFPA-E and SLFPA-W board of directors be a Licensed Professional Engineer. Mr. Klier stated to be a Licensed Professional Engineer a person must have a Civil Engineer degree, relevant experience, and have passed

the exams to become a Licensed Professional Engineer, After further discussion, Mr. Klier withdrew this motion. However, Mr. Klier requested that his comment regarding the committee's long-standing practice that a Licensed Professional Engineer hold the Civil Engineer positon be placed in the minutes.

Mr. Curole led a discussion regarding the process and timeline for the selection of candidates from a pool of applicants. It was discussed that the process introduced and approved for use during the September 19, 2025 nominating committee meeting for the selection of the SLFPA-E candidates be use during this meeting and future nominating committee meetings for both SLFPA-E and SLFPA-W.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Alexander to accept the following process for the selection of SLFPA-E and SLFPA-W candidates from a pool of applicants for this and future meetings. Mr. Curole opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments. The motion was approved unanimously. The process is as follows:

1. The name of each applicant will be read aloud. A nomination must be made and seconded to add an applicant's name to the voting ballot.
2. Once a voting ballot is created, a motion will be made to approve the ballot. If the motion is seconded, committee members will vote to accept or reject the ballot.
3. After the ballot is approved, each committee member will cast two votes for two different applicants.
4. The two candidates with the highest number of votes would be voted for approval.
5. In the case of a tie, a revote will be conducted among the tied individuals.
6. A total quorum vote for the top two candidates would confirm the recommended nominees.

The committee reviewed the two SLFPA-W applicants/applications for the SLFPA-W Jefferson West position and the two SLFPA-W applicants/applications for the Orleans West position. Mr. Curole opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Galloway, who was in attendance, made one public comment. Mr. Galloway expressed his gratitude for his previous appointment to serve on the SLFPA-W board and stated his desire to continue serving.

It was moved by Mr. Huntly, seconded by Mr. Alexander to add the two applicants, Ms. Dimarco and Mr. Gauthe, to SLFPA-W Jefferson West position ballot and to add the two applicants, Mr. Galloway and Mr. Tonellato, to the SLFPA-W Orleans West positon ballot. Mr. Curole opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Barth read the names of the candidates, Kimberly Dimarco and Stephen Gauthe, for SLFPA – W Jefferson West position. Mr. Curole called for a vote. Results of vote are as follows:

	Candidates	
Committee	Dimarco	Gauthe
Thompson	X	X
Falcon	X	X
Curole	X	X
Huntley	X	X
Mattei	X	X
Czapiga	X	X
Klier	X	X
Alexander	X	X
Barth	X	X
Yaukey	X	X
Heiden	X	X

Mr. Barth read the names of the candidates, Kyle Galloway and John Tonellato, for SLFPA – W Orleans West position. Mr. Curole called for a vote. Results of vote are as follows:

	Candidate	Candidate
Committee	Galloway	Tonellato
Thompson	X	X
Falcon	X	X
Curole	X	X
Huntley	X	X
Mattei	X	X
Czapiga	X	X
Klier	X	X
Alexander	X	X
Barth	X	X
Yaukey	X	X
Heiden	X	X

It was moved by Ms. Mattei, seconded by Mr. Huntly, and approved to send the names of Stephen Gauthier and Kimberley Dimarco to the Governor for his approval and appointment for the position of Jefferson West. Mr. Curole opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments. Mr. Curole called for a vote. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Thompson, Ms. Falcon, Mr. Curole, Mr. Huntley, Ms. Mattei, Mr. Czapiga, Mr. Klier, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Barth, Mr. Yaukey, Mr. Heiden
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Latiolais; Mr. Deng; Mr. Joseph
RECUSED: None
VACANCY: None

It was moved by Ms. Mattei, seconded by Mr. Huntly, and approved to send the names of Kyle Galloway and John Tonellato to the Governor for his approval and appointment for the Orleans West position. Mr. Curole opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments. Mr. Curole called for a vote. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Thompson, Ms. Falcon, Mr. Curole, Mr. Huntley, Ms. Mattei, Mr. Czapiga, Mr. Klier, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Barth, Mr. Yaukey, Mr. Heiden
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Latiolais; Mr. Deng; Mr. Joseph
RECUSED: None
VACANCY: None

The committee reviewed the SLFPA-E applicants for both expected vacancy positions. Mr. Curole opened the floor for public comments. There was one public comment made by Mark Morgan, in attendance, regarding the potential of conflicts of interest that Mr. St. Marie may face if appointed to the board.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Alexander to close the applicants' review and move forward to create a ballot for the first SLFPA-E position. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Barth read the names of the eligible applicants for the first SLFPA-E expectant vacancy position. Nomination process summarized as follows:

1. David St. Marie: Nomination to add to ballot made by Norma Jean Mattel; seconded by Windell Curole; name added to voting ballot.
2. Greg Marsiglia: Nomination to add to ballot made by Lee Alexander; seconded by Gary Huntley Alexander; name added to voting ballot.
3. Kirth Paciera: Nomination to add to ballot made by Bruce Thompson; seconded by Norma Jean Mattei; name added to voting ballot.
4. David Martin: Nomination to add to ballot made by Clare Falcon; seconded by Norma Jean Mattei; name added to voting ballot.
5. Laura Wolfson: Nomination to add to ballot made Windell Curole, no one seconded.
6. Charles Williams: Nomination to add to ballot made by Brad Barth; seconded by Windell Curole; name added to voting ballot.
7. Robert Wooderson: No nomination.

Mr. Barth read the names of the applicants who received a nomination that was seconded. It was moved by Mr. Huntley and seconded by Ms. Mattei to approve a ballot including these names. Mr. Curole opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Curole called for a vote. Results of the vote are as follows:

Committee	Candidates				
	St. Marie	Marsiglia	Paciera	Martin	Williams
Thompson		X	X		
Falcon		X		X	
Curole	X				X
Huntley	X	X			
Mattei	X				X
Czapiga	X				X
Klier		X	X		
Alexander	X	X			
Barth	X				X

It was moved by Ms. Mattei and seconded by Mr. Alexander to send the names David St. Marie and Greg Marsiglia to the Governor for his approval and appointment for a position on the SLFPA-East Board. Mr. Curole opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments. Mr. Curole called for a vote. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Thompson, Ms. Falcon, Mr. Curole, Mr. Huntley, Ms. Mattei, Mr. Czapiga, Mr. Klier, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Barth, Mr. Yaukey, Mr. Heiden

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Mr. Latiolais; Mr. Deng; Mr. Joseph

RECUSED: None

VACANCY: None

Mr. Barth read the names of the eligible applicants for the second SLFPA-E expectant vacancy position. Nomination process summarized as follows:

1. Kirth Paciera: Nomination to add to ballot made by Jerry Klier, no second.
2. David Martin: Nomination to add to ballot made by Clare Falcon; seconded by Gary Huntley; name added to voting ballot.
3. Charles Williams: Nomination to add to ballot made by Windell Curole; seconded by Norma Jean Mattei; name added to voting ballot.
4. Laura Lee Wolfson: No nomination
5. Robert Wooderson: No nomination

Mr. Barth read the names of the applicants who received a nomination that was seconded. It was moved by Mr. Curole and seconded by Ms. Mattei to approve a ballot including these names. Mr. Curole opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Curole called for a vote. The vote on the motion was as follows:

	Candidates	
Committee	David Martin	Charles Williams
Thompson	X	X
Falcon	X	X
Curole	X	X
Huntley	X	X
Mattei	X	X
Czapiga	X	X
Klier	X	X
Alexander	X	X
Barth	X	X

It was moved by Ms. Curole, seconded by Mr. Alexander to send the names of David Martin and Charles Williams to the Governor for his approval and appointment for a position on the SLFPA-East Board. Mr. Curole opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments. Mr. Curole called for a vote. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Thompson, Ms. Falcon, Mr. Curole, Mr. Huntley, Ms. Mattei, Mr. Czapiga, Mr. Klier, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Barth, Mr. Yaukey, Mr. Heiden
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Latiolais; Mr. Deng; Mr. Joseph
RECUSED: None
VACANCY: None

Committee members whose term expires on January 1, 2026 were acknowledged.

It was brought to the attention of the committee that current legislation requires that the SLFPA-East and SLFPA- West boards notify the Nominating Committee Chairman of any vacancies. In order to remain in compliance with the current legislation, after the present Chairman's term ends on January 1, 2026, it was moved by Mr. Huntley and seconded by Ms. Mattei to add an agenda item to elect a Nominating Committee Chairman. Mr. Curole opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Curole and seconded by Ms. Mattei to name Bruce Thompson as the interim Nominating Committee Chairman. Mr. Curole opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments. Mr. Curole called for a vote. The motion passed with the vote on the motion as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Falcon, Mr. Curole, Mr. Huntley, Ms. Mattei, Mr. Czapiga,
Mr. Klier, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Barth, Mr. Yaukey, Mr. Heiden

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: Mr. Thompson

ABSENT: Mr. Latiolais; Mr. Deng; Mr. Joseph

RECUSED: None

VACANCY: None

Mr. Barth reiterated to the committee the role of each member to present or recommend applicants.

Mr. Barth stated that seven of the eight upcoming committee vacancies have been named. It is anticipated that the final upcoming vacancy will be filled in the near future.

It was moved by Mr. Curole and seconded by Mr. Barth to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Curole opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments. Mr. Curole called for a vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Curole declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:52 P.M.